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DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Is it correct to say that the motion in this House and the other House for a High Court under section 229 of the Government of India Act, 1935, was made under a legal misapprehension? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not know whether any misapprehension at all arose in this matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government of India have pointed out that there had been some misapprehension in this regard? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No; Sir."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Will the Government at least now declare that they are not considering the question of the formation of the Andhra Province any longer so that there may not be any more agitation? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" There is no need to do that now in view of what the Government of India have already said about it."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Do the Government agree that this question is dead and buried? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I require a medical certificate."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I give one as a doctor? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I cannot accept the certificate of a bogus doctor."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Is there any hope of the Andhra Province being formed in the near future? "

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I am afraid it does not arise out of this question."

*Revised scales of pay for the work-charged establishments of the Electricity Department, etc.*

* 2 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether revised scales of pay have been sanctioned for the work-charged establishments of the Electricity Department and the Electrical Engineer, Madras, and if so, what they are;

(*b*) whether the same orders or separate orders have been issued for the work-charged establishments under the Chief Engineer, Irrigation and General; and

(*c*) whether there is a proposal to fix uniform scales of pay, allowances, etc., to work-charged establishments in the various branches of the Public Works and Electricity Departments?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Revised scales of pay have been sanctioned for the work-charged

establishments of the Electricity Department and the Electrical Engineer, General Division, Madras. The revised scales of pay are given in the paper[a] placed on the table of the House.

" (b) (i) Revised scales of pay have not yet been granted to the work-charged establishments in the Irrigation and General Branches of the Public Works Department. The proposals of the Chief Engineer in this regard are under consideration of the Government.

(ii) Government have however sanctioned revised scales of pay to the permanent workmen of the Public Works Workshops, Madras. These are also included in the paper placed on the table of the House.

" (c) No."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know how long this question has been under the consideration of the Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I cannot say exactly for how many months or years it has been under the consideration of the Government. But it does take some time to consider the various aspects and the financial commitments."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know how long it will take hereafter before a decision is taken? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am sorry I am unable to say how long it will take but we shall certainly expedite the matter and avoid delay."

*The Well-subsidy Scheme.*

* 3 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any plan to revive the Well-subsidy Scheme; and

(*b*) if so, how and when the scheme will come into effect?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Orders have already been issued sanctioning resumption of payment of subsidy loans under the New Well-subsidy Scheme, 1949–50, with effect from 11th January 1950."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know the amount of subsidy that is included in the scheme? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I do not have the figures with me, but if the hon. Member wants the details, I should like to suggest that he may put a separate question or write to me."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if the whole of the subsidy is given by the Central Government or by the State Government or is shared between them? "

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 186 infra.